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of and Method for its  
Manufacture, Method for the  
Manufacture of a Thermoplastic  
Containing Such Additive and  
Thermoplastic so Manufactured**

Examiner: **Mulcahy, Peter D.**

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 31, 2011**

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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated January 31, 2011, Applicants submit the following response in support of allowance thereof.

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**Remarks** being on page 6 of this Response.